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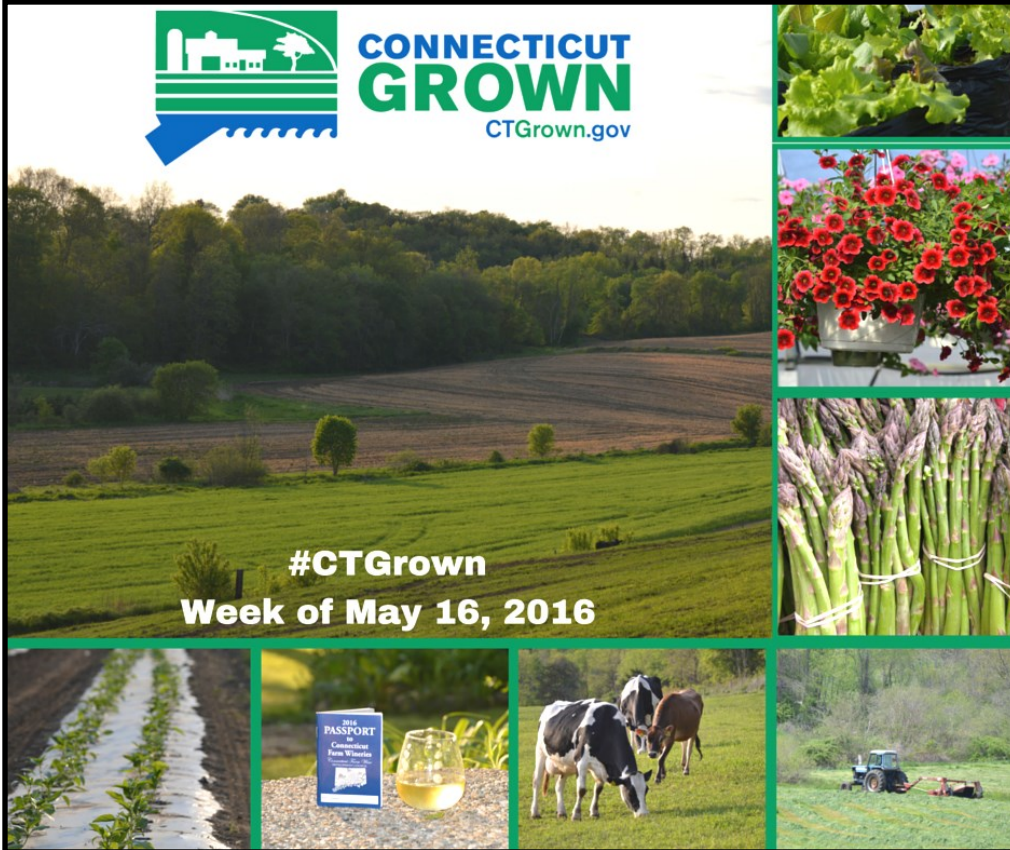
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Farm life is 24/7/365. This past week was a busy one with Connecticut's farmers tending to a variety of tasks, including harvesting fresh asparagus, cutting hay, selling greenhouse crops, putting cows out on pasture, uncorking new vintages, tilling fields and planting vegetables.

What's happening on your farm? The Department of Agriculture will be posting weekly snapshots of farming life in Connecticut and encourages our CT Weekly Agricultural Report readers to participate.

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FORMER OWNERS OF CORNWALL GOAT HERD GUILTY IN CRUELTY CASE

The former owners of a herd of malnourished goats seized in Cornwall last year by the Dept. of Agriculture face the possibility of jail time after being convicted of animal-cruelty charges in Bantam Superior Court.

Tara Bryson and Michael Hearl owned the herd – the largest ever seized by the state - as part of their Butterfield Farm Co. cheese-making operation.

The herd of 74 goats was seized in January 2015 (pictured at right) after an investigation by the Dept. of Agriculture found that Bryson and Hearl failed to provide proper feed, water and shelter for the animals at a Hautboy Hill Road farm, where they rented a barn and processed milk for their line of cheeses.

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LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	73.00	77.50
boners 80-85% lean	73.00	78.00
lean 88-90% lean	67.00	72.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	122.50	126.50
Choice 2-3	119.00	122.50
Sel 1-2	112.00	119.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEIN STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	114.50	119.00
Ch 2-3	105.00	115.00
Sel 1-2	100.00	108.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	120.00	125.00
Ch 2-3	112.00	118.50
Select 1-2	106.00	112.00
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 98-128 lbs	160.00	180.00
BRED COWS (4-6 months)		
Approved	1525.00	1525.00
Medium	1150.00	1300.00
Common	950.00	950.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
40-50 lbs	265.00	300.00
50-60 lbs	240.00	270.00
60-70 lbs	250.00	250.00
90-110 lbs	200.00	225.00
110-130 lbs	210.00	230.00
130-150 lbs	195.00	205.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
80-120 lbs	90.00	115.00
120-160 lbs	75.00	111.00
160-200 lbs	70.00	105.00
200-300 lbs	90.00	90.00
BUCKS		
160-200 lbs	65.00	120.00
200-300 lbs	60.00	100.00
200-300 lbs	90.00	90.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Select 1, by head, est.		
20-40 lbs	160.00	195.00
40-60 lbs	180.00	205.00
60-80 lbs	220.00	255.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES:		
Sel 1, by head, est.		
80-130 lbs	200.00	230.00
130-180 lbs	240.00	245.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Select 1		
100-150 lbs	285.00	340.00
150-250 lbs	360.00	360.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

52-56	250-300 lbs	53.00	55.00
	300-350 lbs	48.00	53.00
	350-500 lbs	34.50	38.00
48-52	250-300 lbs	45.00	43.00
	300-350 lbs	46.00	47.00
	350-450 lbs	25.00	30.00
Sows, US 1-3			
	300-500 lbs	34.00	37.00
	500-700 lbs	40.00	47.50
Boars	200-350 lbs	33.00	39.00
	350-400 lbs	8.00	12.00
	400-800 lbs	3.00	4.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLESBoston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices
NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	5.00	6.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
CHIVES, 1 LB	10.00	10.00

SHIPPED IN

ANISE, CA, CTN, 18	32.00	34.00
ARUGULA, BABY FL, 4 LBS	12.00	13.00
BASIL, FL, BU, 15 BNCHES	17.00	20.00
BOK CHOY, GA, 50 LBS	24.00	28.00
BOKCHOY, BABY, CA, 30 LBS	36.00	36.00
CHINESE CELERY, CA, CTN	36.00	36.00
CHINESE CHIVES, CA, CTN	50.00	50.00
CHOY SUM, LONG, CA, 30 LBS	35.00	35.00
CILANTRO, NJ, 1/2 BRUCE, 30	15.00	18.00
CIPOLINOS, NY, 10 LB MESH	16.00	18.00
DILL, NJ, 1/2 BRUCE, 24	40.00	40.00
GAI CHOY, CA, PER LB	1.00	1.00
GINGER ROOT, HI, 30 LBS	50.00	50.00
HORSERADISH, IL, 5 LB SACK	13.00	14.00
LEMON GRASS, CA, PER LB	2.50	3.00
MINT, NJ, 1/ BU, 12	12.00	14.00
OREGANO, FL, 1 LB FILM, 12	8.00	9.00
ROSEMARY, FL, 1 LB FILM, 12	7.00	9.00
SAGE, FL, 1 LB FILM, 12	7.00	9.00
TARRAGON, CA, 1 LB FILM, 12	7.00	10.00
THYME, CA, 1 LB FILM, 12	7.00	10.00
WATERCRESS, FL, CTN, 24	17.00	20.00
WINTCRSS, GHS, PA, 2.2 LB	26.00	26.00

USDA WEEKLY RETAIL REPORT

APPLES, GALA, LB	1.49	1.49
APPLES, HONEYCRISP, LB	2.99	2.99
ASPARAGUS, GREEN, LB	1.99	3.77
BEETS, RED, BUNCH	1.50	1.50
BLUEBERRIES, 1 PT	2.47	3.34
BLUEBERRIES, 6 OZ	1.99	1.99
BROCCOLI, CROWN CUT, LB	1.49	1.49
CABBAGE, GREEN, LB	.49	1.29
CORN, SWEET, EA	.33	1.00
CUCUMBERS, EA	.33	.78
LETTUCE, BOSTON, EA	.99	1.99
LETTUCE, GREEN LEAF, LB	1.99	1.99
LETTUCE, RED LEAF, LB	1.99	1.99
ONIONS, YELLOW, 3 LBS	2.99	3.99
ONIONS, YELLOW, LB	.95	.99
ONIONS, YELLOW SWEET, 2LB	1.99	3.50
POTATOES, ROUND RED, LB	.99	.99
POTATOES, RUSSET, 3 LBS	1.99	1.99
POTATOES, YELLOW, LB	1.29	1.29
SPINACH, BUNCH	1.69	1.69
SQUASH, YELLOW, LB	1.48	1.49
SQUASH, ZUCCHINI, LB	1.48	1.48
SWEET POTATOES, LB	.78	1.49
TOMATOES, LB	.99	4.89
TOMATO, ONVINE, GHS, LB	.99	1.99
TOMATOES, CHERRY, 1 PT	2.00	2.99
TOMATOES, GRAPE, 1 PT	.99	3.99
TOMATOES, GRAPE, 10 OZ	1.50	3.49
TOMATOES, PLUM, LB	.98	2.49

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION
Middlefield, CT - May 24, 2016

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	50.00	55.00
61-75 lbs.	75.00	85.00
76-90 lbs.	140.00	142.50
91-105 lbs.	145.00	147.50
106 lbs. & up	150.00	152.50
Farm Calves	155.00	160.00
Starter Calves	60.00	65.00
Veal Calves	120.00	160.00
Open Heifers	70.00	120.00
Beef Heifers	80.00	89.00
Feeder Steers	90.00	150.00
Beef Steers	102.00	115.00
Stock Bulls	100.00	125.00
Beef Bulls	72.00	101.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	1@	.02
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	80.00	85.00
Feeder Pigs each	3@	45.00
Sheep each	80.00	85.00
Lambs each	60.00	240.00
Goats each	70.00	300.00
Kid Goats each	50.00	130.00
Canners	up to	75.50
Cutters	76.00	79.00
Utility Grade Cows	80.00	82.00
Rabbits each	5.00	120.00
Chickens each	4.00	20.00
Ducks each	5.00	19.00

Auction open Memorial Day, May 30, 2016

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDAPer doz. Grade A and Grade A white
in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	.50	.64
LARGE	.44	.58
MEDIUM	.34	.47

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGSPer doz. Grade A brown in
carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	.99	1.20
LARGE	.93	1.11
MEDIUM	.52	.65
SMALL	.49	.58

NEW ENGLAND HONEY REPORT

March 2016

Retail		
1 lb bottle	9.00	12.00
1 quart bottle	18.00	20.00
White, cleaned beeswax		
per lb	16.00	20.00
per oz	1.50	1.50
Wholesale		
55 gal	195.00	240.00
Nat/raw, 55 gal/lb	2.50	2.80
Propolis tincture, 2 oz	14.00	17.00
Pollen, per quart	26.00	30.00
White, cleaned beeswax		
1 lb block	5.50	5.75
50 lb block	4.50	5.00
Bulk orders 50 lbs +	2.20	3.50

FOR SALE

1-R. Blumenthal & Donahue is now Connecticut's first independent NATIONWIDE Agri-Business Insurance Agency. Christmas tree growers, beekeepers, sheep breeders, organic farmers and all others, call us for all your insurance needs. 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com

2-R. Farm, homeowner and commercial insurance—we do it all. Call Blumenthal & Donahue 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com

3-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

4-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

5-R. Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Program, endorsed by the CT Farm Bureau, save up to 23% on your farm insurance and get better protection. References available from satisfied farmers. Call Marci today at 203-444-6553.

45-R. Retiring from farming. Greenhouse and vegetable equipment for sale. www.wagonroadgreenhouse.com for pictures and details.

47-R. For Sale: Model 580B backhoe loader. \$4,500.00. Ford 8N. \$1,000.00. Sylvan Tetrault 860-684-3458.

49-R. For Sale: Parts for Grimm hay tedders. Also, rough lumber. Sylvan Tetrault. 860-684-3458.

50-R. Ford 101 2 bottom breakaway plow. \$400.00. MF 2 row planter with fertilizer hopper. Multiple seed discs. \$600.00. JD 48" plastic layer. \$500.00 O.B.O. East Killingly. Call 860-779-2107.

54-R. 9 foot spring tooth harrow. \$175.00. 3ph 2 row cultivators. \$250.00. Old silage chopper and blower, belt driven, steel wheels. \$125.00. Three 5 foot stainless steel troughs, good for water or feed. \$100.00 each. 860-237-1107.

55-R. Used 12' pressure treated fence posts. Quantity pricing. Call or text 860-559-3009 or 860-888-3798.

59. IH886 tractor 2550 hours. Very sharp, 4 post cab w/front glass, fresh paint-look just like new, super clean, new headliner, fresh rebuilt alternator, new seat (\$500.00), 2 new batteries, fresh Rotella 15/40 and long can oil filter, new double air filters, double fuel filters, coolant filter w/ conditioner, new fuse blk., new fuel sender, all gauges and tach. work, new ignition switch, new cig lighter, new light switch-all lights work, new dash lights switch, new directional signal switch, engine, transmission, clutch, T/A excellent, 2 remotes, hyd/trans oil super clean, tires loaded, 2 pto's, 3 pt. hitch, 50 gallon plastic fuel tank-almost full-treated with 'diesel cln' additive, steel frt. grill, hyd. assist clutch peddle, no oil leaks. Excellent brakes, 80-90 hp. Comes with IH mount-o-matic loader w/new 7 ft. bucket, rear wheel weights. 16.9-38 tires. Used on a small farm, max. Attach.-IH450 plow and 9 ft. cultimulcher. Tractor has lots of life-Be hard to find one in this condition. Asking price \$12,500.00. Call 203-283-4472, leave message.

60. New Round Bale Clamp for skid-steer. \$1,800.00. North Franklin, CT. Haider Farm. 512-809-3801.

61-R. Kiko buck, purebred, no papers, 5 years old, white. \$500.00. 860-537-1974.

62-R. RYE STRAW, clean and bright. Stored inside. Round and square bales. 860-355-1264.

63-R. Produce wash line, 5 foot table, 24" line – wash, grade and pack. Currently stored. \$3,000.00 for a quick sale. 860-619-8030 leave message or mortensen23@aol.com

WANTED

17-R. Standing timber wanted. Hardwood/Softwood. Top prices paid. Licensed and insured. 10 acre minimum. 860-798-4039.

52-R. Hoop Houses-Disassembled with all hardware and ready to transport. Somers, CT. call 203-544-8411. Lv msg.

MISCELLANEOUS

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56-R. Full time position available. Angus cattle farm. Construction work. Call or text 860-559-3009.

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The inadequate care left the goats unable to maintain a healthy body weight needed for growth, and compromised their ability to handle cold weather and resist disease. Numerous other goats were found dead in various locations around the property.

Bryson, 42, and Hearl, 45, were to be tried together on 19 counts each of animal-cruelty, each of which carries a maximum penalty of a year in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

The 19 counts were lodged in connection with the 19 members of the herd that were determined to be in the most grave condition based on a "body scale" evaluation by veterinarians.

But just as the trial was to begin in March, Bryson pleaded guilty to 10 of the counts in a plea deal that calls for her to be sentenced to a maximum of 10 years in prison, suspended after she serves two years, with the right to argue for less.

She is scheduled to be sentenced on June 3.

Hearl's case went to trial earlier this month, and a six-member jury found him guilty on May 12 of all 19 animal-cruelty charges after less than two hours of deliberation. He is to be sentenced on June 10.

The jurors had viewed photographs and videotapes depicting goats on the farm that were either dead or in various stages of ill health.

They also heard testimony from veterinarians, workers hired by Bryson and Hearl, and inspectors from the Dept. of Agriculture.

Hearl did not testify during the trial, but his attorney, James McCarthy, based his defense on a claim that the goats' emaciated condition was caused not by mistreatment, but by a parasite called meningeal worm.

Dr. Bruce Sherman, DVM, MPH, a veterinarian who is Director of the agriculture department's Bureau of Regulation and Inspection, testified that necropsies on some of the animals determined that the main cause of death was starvation and inadequate shelter during a very cold winter, not meningeal worm.

His testimony was backed by a veterinarian who had been called to the farm by Bryson and Hearl in December 2014. Sherman also testified that Bryson and Hearl engaged in repeated deception during the investigation, telling inspectors that they were taking steps to improve the animals' care when in fact they were not.

"This was an extremely complicated case that presented unique challenges both in handling the goats and in investigating the actions of their owners," Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said. "But this case also demonstrates that our department has no tolerance for the abuse and neglect of animals, and will do whatever it takes to hold accountable anyone who does not fulfill their responsibilities to livestock or pets in their care."

Both cases were prosecuted by Supervisory State's Attorney Devin T. Stilson and presided over by Superior Court Judge Paul Matasavage.

The great majority of the herd was infected with one or more diseases that are transmissible to other animals and can contaminate a farm's environment, preventing them from being introduced to existing, healthy herds after their seizure.

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The herd was housed at the department's large-animal rehabilitation facility in Niantic, where it grew to nearly 100 after more than 20 kids were born there.

About half of the adults were sold at livestock auction, and the remainder were dispersed to animal-rescue sanctuaries.

The kids were transferred to individuals through the department's animal-adoption program.

HORSE AUCTION BIDDING CLOSES JUNE 1

Bidding in the Department of Agriculture's auction of more than 30 horses seized in February as part of an animal-cruelty investigation at an East Hampton breeding facility closes on June 1.

All proceeds from the auction of the Friesian, Andalusian and Gypsy Vanner horses will help pay for costs incurred through caring for them and other animals at the department's Large Animal Rehabilitation Facility in Niantic.

Since bidding opened April 26, the department has received more than 500 inquiries and many dozens of bids from around the country. Please visit the department's website, www.CTGrown.gov, to view photographs of the horses, access biographical information on each animal, and to download a sealed-bid application questionnaire. Below is a list of current high bids.

The Commissioner of Agriculture reserves the right to reject any bid.

CT DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE HORSE AUCTION HIGH BIDS AS OF MAY 24, 2016

- Asberry H - **\$6,000**
- Avalon - **\$6,250**
- Westmoreland Tristons Blue Filly - **\$3,750**
- Casadora FT/Casadora's foal Milagro - **\$6,000**
- CiCi's "The Black Dahlia" - **\$3,500**
- Electra TNF - **\$5,000**
- The Windmaker FT "Elsa" - **\$3,000**
- Estrella PE - **\$2,500**
- Evanora FT - **\$4,500**
- Faustina ESF - **\$5,000**
- Francisca WWF - **\$6,500**
- Grace Fan Bosma - **\$3,600**
- Isabella FT - **\$4,500**
- Jana fan 'e Goengamieden - **\$4,000**
- Melanie's Jewel FT - **\$4,000**
- Larkin - **\$7,000**
- Lautaro III - **(Removed due to health condition)**
- Windwalker's The Memory Maker "Maggie" - **\$5,000**
- Marlina Bed Feys FC - **\$3,400**
- Ouboliette FT - **\$6,000**
- Pepe - **\$2,000**
- Rosalind FT - **\$5,700**
- Windwalker's Ava Rose FT - **\$5,500**
- The Scarlet Letter - **\$8,000**
- Seabra - **\$3,700**
- CiCi's Spartacus - **\$3,200**
- 50 Shades of Sterling FT - **\$3,250**
- The Windwalker's Talisman FT - **\$2,500**
- Trebuchet FT - **\$5,000**
- Vrouke P - **\$4,500**
- The Windwalker - **\$3,500 (pictured below)**



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